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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

This is for the continuation application of application Serial No. 09/354,594, filed

July 16, 1999. After granting a serial number and filing date for the above-identified continuation application and before examination, please enter the following amendment.

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IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-7.

Please add claims 8-37 as follows:

8. A cable exit trough mountable to a lateral trough section, the lateral trough section including an upstanding side having substantially uniform height and terminating at a top edge, the exit trough comprising:

an upper portion having a bottom trough surface and two side walls extending from opposite sides of the bottom trough surface to define an exit cable pathway;

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